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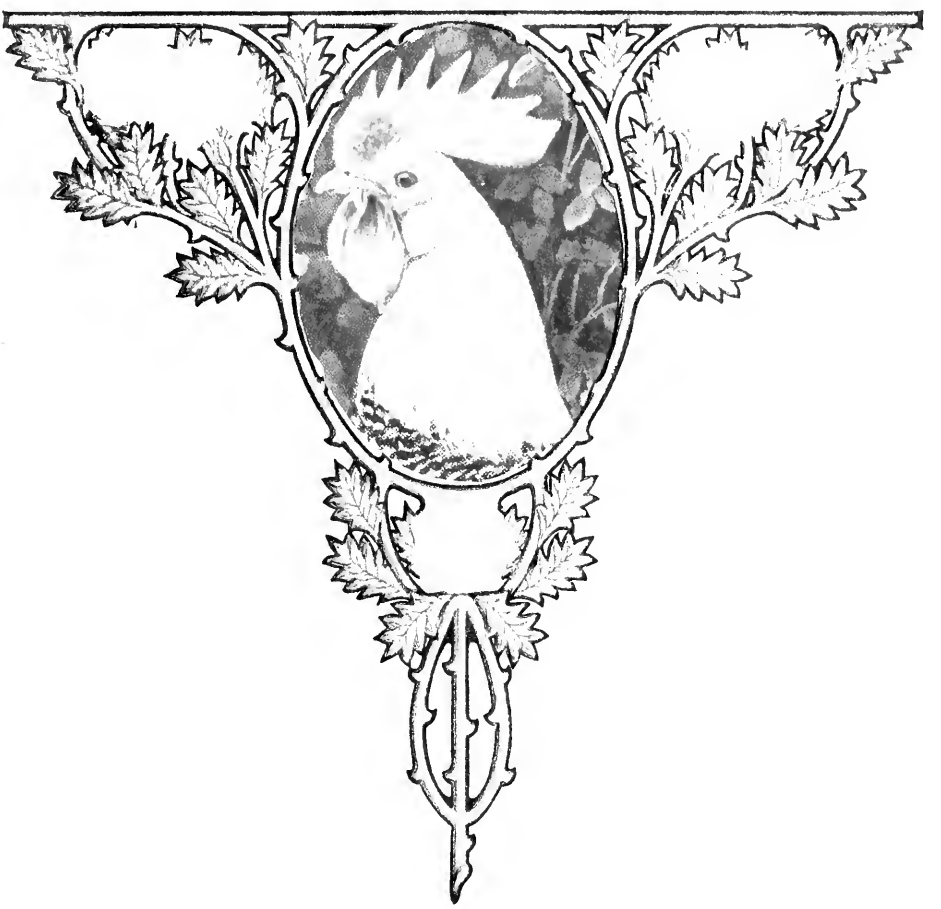

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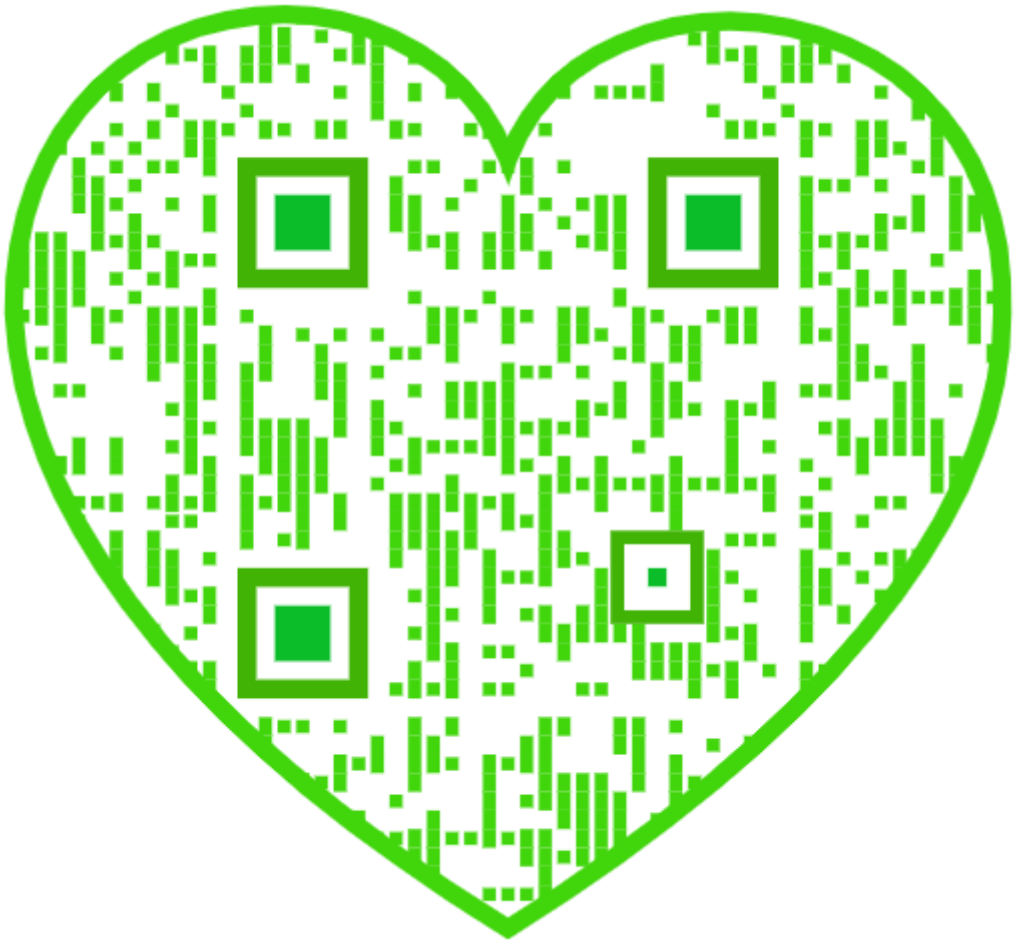

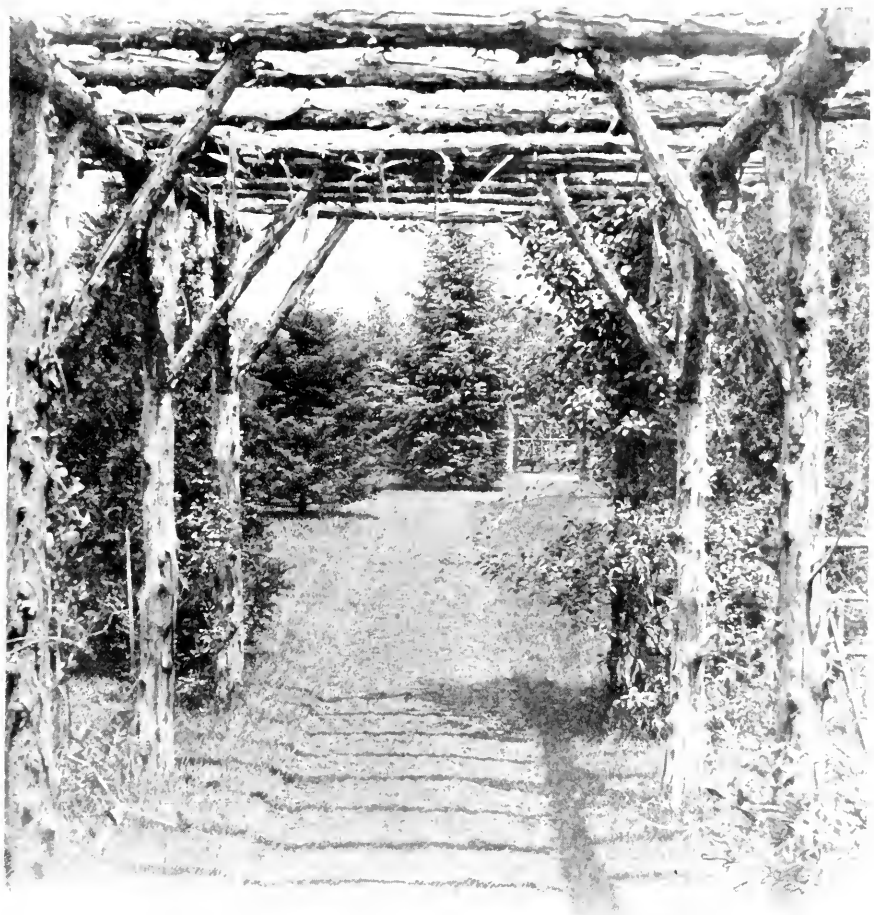

A Text Book and Catalog on the Vigorous Strain of Silver Campines
as raised in their purity at the Homestead Campine Farm

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WAYLAND
MASSACHUSETTS

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C. A. Phipps
Wayland, Mass.

THE above cockerel, bred and owned by C. A. Phipps, Proprietor of Homestead Campine Farm, Wayland, Mass., is a good example of the great improvement that has been accomplished in Silver Campine color and type, as compared with the quality of the importations of six and seven years ago, when the recent boom in this popular variety began. Mr. Phipps is one of the present day prominent and successful Campine specialists. His strain, known as the "Vigorous Strain," has made remarkable show records and the vigor and vitality displayed in his exhibits justifies his claims. The above cockerel winner of First Prize at the Boston 1915 Poultry Show had plenty of style and action, also a well balanced body. In color he may be considered among the best ever shown. His hackle was silvery white, minus the ticking usually found in an individual having his strength of breast and body color. He was well furnished in sickles and tail coverts and his wings were nicely barred to the ends. A male of this sort is almost invaluable in the breeding yard. — *A. O. Schilling.*

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The Homestead

PROEM

OUR first edition of 2,000 catalogues issued in July being exhausted, I desire in this second edition to speak still further a good word for the beautiful Silver Campine: to give as briefly as possible a little history of this wonderful fowl and tell in a way my experiences relative to its many attractive qualities and merits both as an exhibition bird and so-called utility fowl.

If by chance I succeed in sufficiently interesting the patient reader of this catalogue and he should become a lover of the beautiful Silver Campine, I trust it may prove to him the pleasure and profit it has brought to me.

C. A. PHIPPS.

FIRST PRIZE PEN SILVER CAMPINES BOSTON SHOW JAN. 1915. BRED AND OWNED BY HOMESTEAD CAMPINE FARM WAYLAND MASS.

THE above pen represents the first prize pen at this Show. They are very evenly matched pen of females in size, type and color, while the male is a good sized, vigorous looking individual, a beautiful, rich, lustrous body color. His hackle, considering his strength of wing and breast color, is fairly clean of black markings. This pen mated just as they are should produce some excellent results as breeders, as the females showed plenty of tail markings, good wings, and rather clean hackles, and all of them had nice, neat, well-shaped combs. Mr. Phipps is paying much attention to vigor and vitality, which is bound to keep the good name of the Silver Campines, as one of the best egg producers which the fancy possess.—*A. O. Schilling.*

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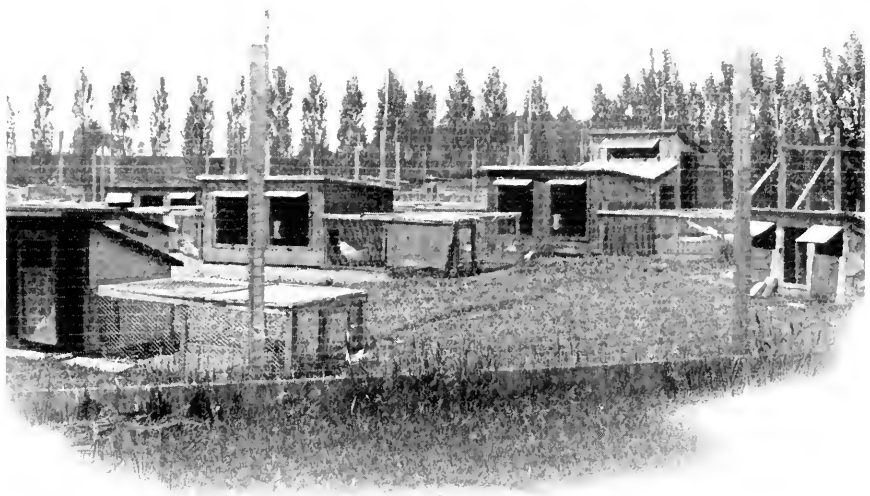

Quarters for Young Stock

THE · POPULAR · CAMPINE

Our attention was first attracted to the Campine by their beauty, whereupon we purchased some good birds of this breed and have never regretted it for we know no fowl that gives such satisfaction and pleasure as the Campine. Its many qualities as utility and exhibition bird are unequalled. They are quickly and easily matured, beginning to lay fully as early if not earlier than birds of similar size.

They are wonderful layers of large, white eggs; in their native country of Belgium they are known as the "every-day" layers. The wonder of it is that they are such prolific layers on such short rations, but coming from La Campine, the sandy plains of Belgium where food is scarce, naturally this bird thrives, and thrives well, on less food than other breeds.

I do not wish to convey the idea that one can turn a Campine loose to forage entirely for itself, although if given free range it will come as near doing so as one can imagine, but the best results are obtained in giving the same care to the Campine as should be given to any fowl, in

THE "Vigorous Strain" Silver Campines were again represented at the recent New York State Fair where the entry was a large one full of quality of the choicest kind. There were ninety-two entries in the single class with nineteen young and old pens in competition. The above pen was winner of the blue ribbon in the adult class and it is safe to say that Homestead Campine Farms never exhibited a better quality pen at the large winter shows at New York and Boston where they have been winning their share of prizes during recent years. C. A. Phipps, is the owner of the above farm and calls his strain of Campines the "Vigorous Strain" and it is with much pleasure and satisfaction that we have observed in this strain a steady improvement in size, with a symmetrical, useful and beautiful type, while vigor and vitality seems to fairly stick out of them. The cock heading the above winning pen was an excellent example of this. He was solid and firm in flesh and bone, full of life and activity and at the same time possessed plenty of show quality in form and feather. We are glad to note that Mr. Phipps is breeding along the correct lines. Here's wishing him continued success.—*A. O. Schilling.* The group of birds seen in background is our First Prize Pen at Boston, 1915.—*C. A. P.*

A Section of Breeding Yards

proper feeding, watering and housing, cleanliness above all is the surest road to success; plenty of air and sunshine, no dampness or draughts in houses, and the Campine from my viewpoint will stand favorably under all conditions with any bird extant.

The Campine needs no pampering; I know no breed more adaptable to their surroundings; as I said above, coming from the sandy brushwood plains of La Campine in their land of Belgium, they have to work for a living; they are a busy bird foraging far and near which develops a hardy, vigorous breed; they are the peasant's bird and they bring to the Belgian peasant farmer a comfortable maintenance as they are a popular market fowl and tremendous layers of beautiful eggs.

The egg of the Campine has a rich, clean, fine flavor; it is a nourishing diet for the invalid, a delight for the daily breakfast of the working man, and a sumptuous dish for the table of the epicure when prepared in the rich and varied style of which it is capable in the hands of a good cook; quoting from an article by the Rev. E. Lewis Jones of England, written for the catalogue of our American Campine Club 1913-1914. "My first needs were eggs and meat. In this respect I found the Campines fill the bill better than any other breed, for it provides me with excellent eggs and delicious meat. I can safely say no other breed approaches the Campine in this combination"; quoting further, "I wanted a hardy bird that could rough it, that could find for itself and not require everything

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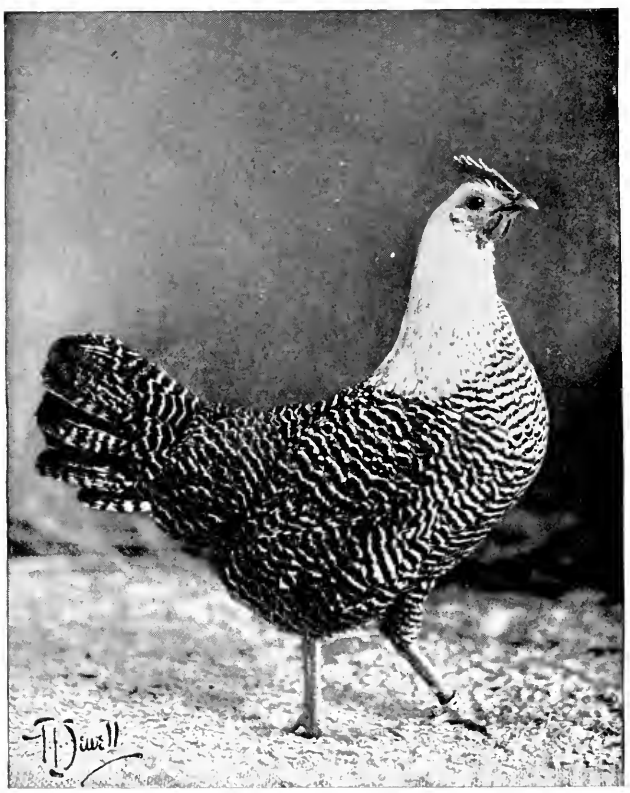

FIRST · PRIZE · HEN · BOSTON · 1915

ONE of the pleasant surprises among the fine showing of Campines this year at Boston was the interesting exhibit of Homestead Campine Farm, Wayland, Mass. The fine, tidy forms and gracefully rounded plump breasts and bodies of this farm's birds, display all the good qualities originally recognized in the Campine, with its Standard points refined. Those who have had dilliculty in obtaining fine Campines with neat, small combs will appreciate the head furnishings of this first prize hen and pullet of same strain which appear on this page. Breeders of other classes of Mediterraneans in America also have had their troubles with coarse combs and wattles so when small, fine combs on vigorous birds are finally obtained, the fancier appreciates their value. The almost clean white necks with the good throat and upper breast markings are also rare high quality points and the straight, regular pattern of sharp barring of black and white, with enough of the white to give an effective contrast and gay appearance, stamps them as superior show birds.—*F. L. Sewell.*

The Rose Arbor

done for it. Here again the Campine has no rival; no breed will yield such a good return for such small attention."

The meat of the Campine is rich and tender and has somewhat the flavor of game; in proportion there is more meat on a Campine than on a larger fowl, for it is bone that weighs, but the Campine has small bone formation and the weight is in the meat.

The Campine is very popular in England as a squab broiler at the age of two months, and some day not far off when the people in America come to realize its merit, the beautiful little Campine cockerel will surely stand at the top notch of the broiler market. The Campine is by nature alert, intelligent, responsive to kindness and affection and by its many attractive qualities quickly becomes the pet of the barnyard. In summing up the qualities of this wonderful breed, their beauty and utility are unsurpassed in every capacity: as "every-day" layers of large, white eggs, as an edible bird of unique flavor and delicacy and as an exhibition bird, the Campine is "a thing of beauty and a joy forever." Its varied

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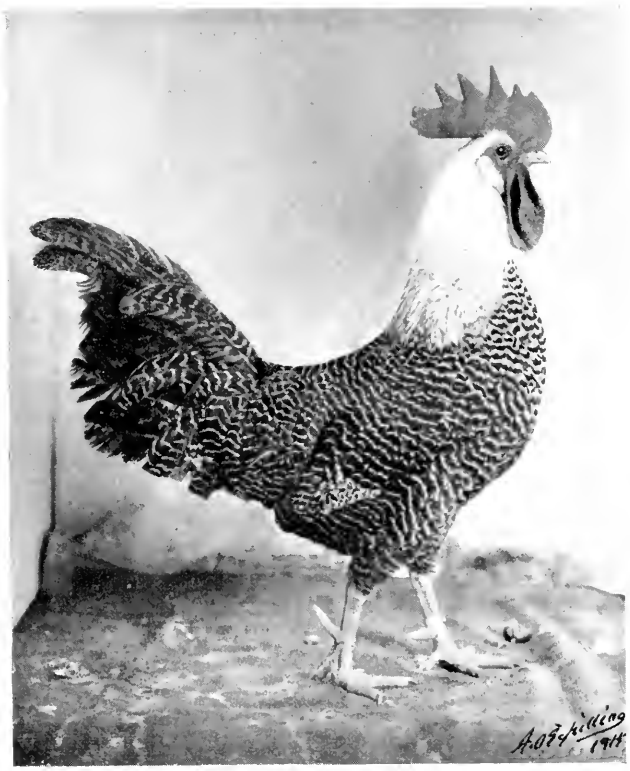

THIRD · PRIZE · COCK
NEW · YORK · STATE · FAIR · 1914

ABOVE picture represents Mr. Phipps' 3rd prize cock at New York State Fair during the fall of 1914 and we are advised that this bird was the sire of many of this season's winners at New York and Boston Shows where they made such a wonderful record. He still shows wonderful vitality and vigor and is a good example of what Mr. Phipps is doing along these lines with his vigorous strain of Silver Campines.—*A. O Schilling.*

merits cannot fail to recommend it to the public favor and it is unquestionably rapidly becoming, and justly so, the most interesting and popular bird in the market today. It is a rugged fowl when acclimatized and we are in this country producing an American strain of great vigor and beauty. It is without doubt the coming bird and will give great satisfaction and pleasure to the owner.

Our stock is not only bred for exhibition purpose, but every detail is taken into consideration in order to produce as good a general utility fowl as possible.

An important feature of our stock is that it has proven remarkably true to type; out of hundreds of young birds it is in many instances a simple matter to determine from which pen the bird was hatched. Another fact of Homestead Campine Farm stock is the health and vigor of the bird; this feature has been commented upon by some of the best judges and breeders of the country and too much stress cannot be laid on this point in determining the purchase of any breed, for upon the health, vigor and vitality of the bird depends the success of owning and raising stock for any purpose.

The quality of utility and fancy stock should be equally good of its kind, each should be of the highest grade for the purpose intended; make no mistake—there is economy in the best. I breed both utility and fancy stock with a view to their meriting the name which my strain has truly earned, The Vigorous Strain; my aim is vigor, hardiness and productivity as well as beauty, for beauty without utility is but a passing show; "useful as well as ornamental" should be the motto of the breeder.

In selecting a bird for a customer I select as though for myself and with a view of sending out from my flock a bird of adequate quality and adequate value for the price given by purchaser; my aim is full value, quality and satisfaction; there are degrees of quality as everyone knows, but it is a mistake to send broadcast inferior birds, there is nothing more harmful to both breed and breeder.

Modern methods of rearing stock are different from the ways of the olden days when chickens roamed at large and foraged for themselves; I can remember as a boy seeing on my grandfather's farm the old hen with her brood of fluffy chicks trailing all over the place and chickens roosting at night in the wild cherry tree that grew in the barnyard, or in the woodshed or any old place; only the mother hens and their broods were given the shelter of a coop. I can hear the gardener's wife calling her chickens to feed them bread soaked in milk and the scraps gathered

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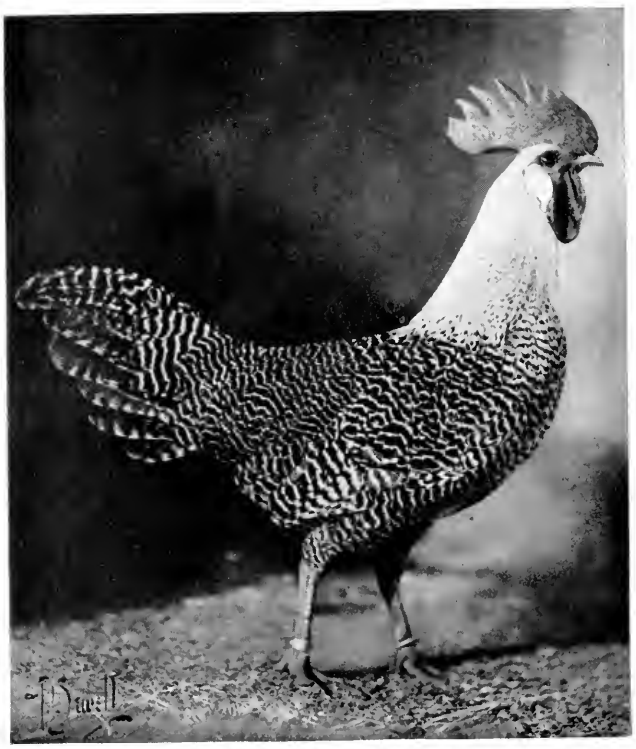

"THE · VIGOROUS · COCKEREL"
MADISON · SQUARE · GARDEN · 1915

THERE is no doubt whatever that when egg production is the main demand of a fowl, as it is in the case of the Campine, that the first consideration is health and vigor. If the fowls are not "vigorous" they must be failures as high producers. For the past two years I have noted marked improvement in the quality of the Campines exhibited. Breeders are becoming more earnest in their demand for birds with vigorous constitution. Mr. Phipps has sounded as the keynote of his ideal, first of all, that his Campines must be vigorous, and fanciers who saw his displays in the show room the past season know that the birds of Homestead Campine Farm score high in vigor. They were in fine, robust condition, and their heads symmetrical, oval-shaped bodies and elegant markings combined with vigor to make truly exhibition fowls of this old world breed so famous as egg producers.—*F. L. Sewell.*

here and there and everywhere; but in these days chickens are installed in apartment houses, so to speak, furnished with luxurious litter, their rations apportioned, enjoying the benefits of all modern improvements.

Inasmuch as we have taken poultry in a measure from nature's ways and in so doing changed to a certain extent their habits and conditions, it is for us to consider the welfare and happiness of our birds (and I would say in passing that happiness is a great factor as it makes for health), in a word it is for us to give to our poultry (as to the world) the best we have and the best will come back to us.

The Campine, a splendid combination of beauty and utility

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SECOND · PRIZE · PULLET · BOSTON · 1915

THIS "Vigorous Strain" of Campines from the Homestead Campine Farm, Wayland, Mass., won last year at Boston first and second cockerel and third exhibition pen. Yet there was considerable progress evident in the quality of the Homestead Campine Farm birds this year. Some of their fine points were mentioned in the footnote under the first prize hen. This farm won at the big Boston show this year 1, 2, 3, cocks; 1, 2, 3, 5 cockerels; 1, 2 hens; 2, 3, pullets; 1, 2 pens and a well deserved special for best display. Their birds were all in fine, healthy bloom of feather and general condition and were worthy the title given them by their owner—the "Vigorous Strain." With this characteristic established and their birds possessing the many Standard show qualities they exhibited at the last Boston show, the Homestead Campine Farm should achieve many honors with their fine stock and eggs to many admirers of Campines who have learned of their wonderful productive powers.—*F. L. Sewell.*

Path to Poultry Yards

CAMPINES · FOR · PLEASURE AND · PROFIT

The breeding of poultry is no longer a haphazard experiment but is being gradually raised to the dignity of a scientific industry which demands scientific methods and efficiency; with proper equipment and environment there can be no doubt of successful results both as to the quality of poultry and as a source of revenue to the breeder. Too much stress cannot be laid upon quality, and the demand for standard-bred poultry is increasing amazingly; it costs no more to feed a good strain of birds than it does a mongrel lot of chickens and the return is far more satisfactory, in the end the best is the cheapest because the best is what the public want and are willing to pay for.

There is economy in investing in a good strain of birds; a good poultry plant when conducted with method and order cannot fail to be profitable. I do not mean an extensive and expensive plant necessarily for the same

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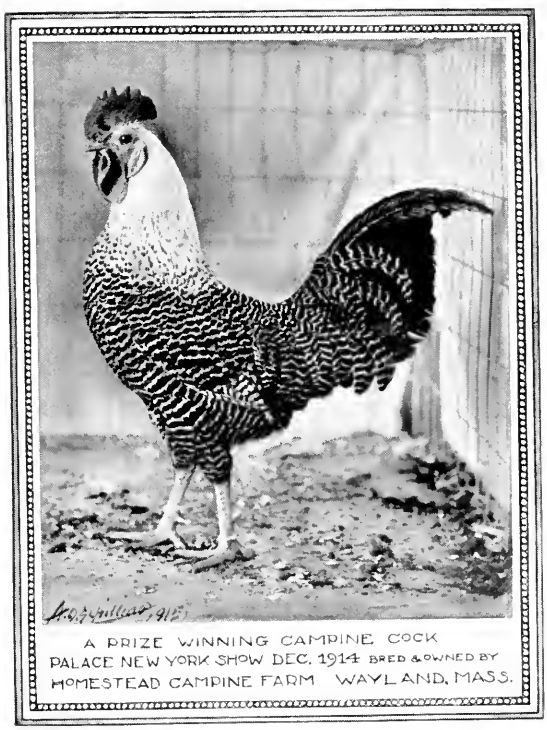

A PRIZE WINNING CAMPINE COCK
PALACE NEW YORK SHOW DEC. 1914 BRED & OWNED BY
HOMESTEAD CAMPINE FARM WAYLAND, MASS.

THE above is a portrait of the individual which as a cockerel headed third prize pen at Boston, 1914, and is also a full brother to the first prize cockerel of the same year. He is a specimen of magnificent type, and has a good color especially over back, wings and saddle, while his lesser tail coverts are marked with clear, snappy barring of pure white. He has proven to be a valuable sire judging by some of the youngsters produced from his matings.—*A. O. Schilling.*

materials are used for a large or small plant; feeding and housing are necessary for the most careless raiser of chickens; but with a little care and management the raising of a fine flock of birds is within the modest means of the smallest farmer and can be made the source of a profitable revenue.

To attain success in anything requires a reasonable amount of knowledge, vigilance and care.

When a man selects which branch of the poultry business it is his purpose to cultivate, whether for eggs, poultry for the market, or to

Eastern Entrance to Farm

breed fancy stock, then he should inform himself as to the best means of attaining his end; in this day of wide-spread information through the many good and inexpensive poultry journals this desirable knowledge is brought within the range of the most modest fancier and remote farmer. A spirit of good will is shown on the part of poultry breeders and poultrymen in general in gladly imparting for the benefit of others what they have learned in their varied experiences.

For egg production I know of no breed so prolific and so wonderful as the Campine. A Silver Campine hen will cost less to maintain and bring greater profit than any breed of bird I know; she lays in the autumn and winter when eggs are scarce and costly, and while other breeds are

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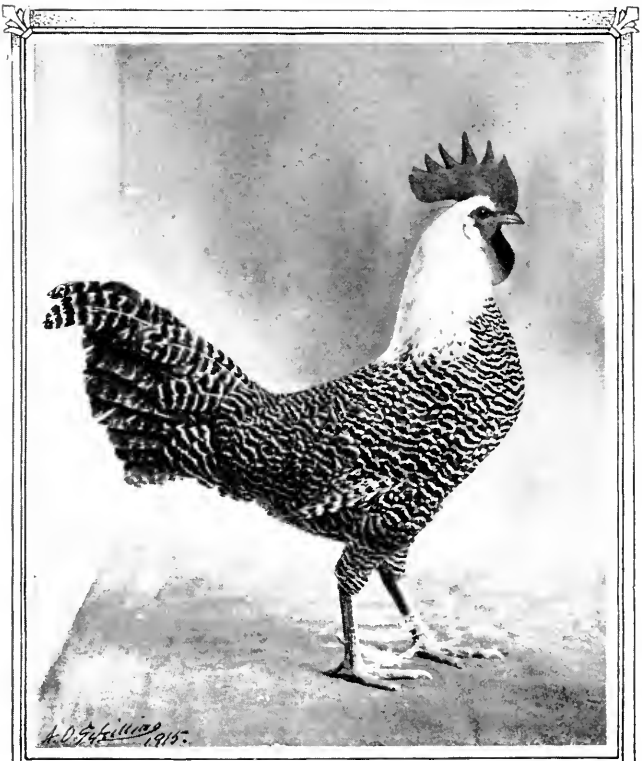

SILVER CAMPINE COCKEREL BRED AND OWNED BY HOMESTEAD CAMPINE FARM WAYLAND MASS.

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THE above cockerel was a specimen possessing individual merits to be found in only the most carefully bred flocks. He had excellent breast color, considering his purity of hackle, while his wing flights and secondaries were well barred throughout. Although not fully matured when this picture was taken he showed indications of profuse tail coverts of excellent barring and color and should make a valuable breeder. He was a medium sized bird with plenty of style and action carrying a fairly low, well-spread tail. The above picture is a faithful likeness and shows a well-formed, evenly serrated comb and smooth lobes and wattles.—*A. O. Schilling.*

taking their ease, so to speak, in moulting or in sitting, the little Silver Campine hen is contributing to the egg basket.

For the fancier there could not be a more beautiful bird! Every breeder of the Campine has come under the spell of its fascination. The type and beauty of the Campine are not its sole attraction; they are tame and affectionate, they come at your call and perch on shoulder,

A By-way to Poultry Yards

hand and lap; their friendly frolic is most amusing and interesting. The ways of the Campine cannot be described but when seen and known, they are irresistible.

The Campine takes its name from the Belgian province of La Campine where this bird has been known to exist for the last six hundred years at least. It is the peasant bird and forms the stock-in-trade of the peasant's farm on account of its economic value, as it is a great forager, and is practically self-supporting. These qualities have been developed from the character of its environments, for the great province of La Campine

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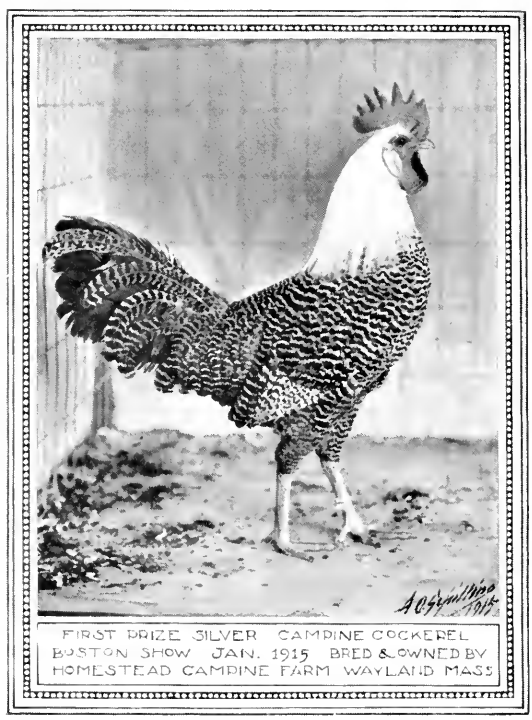

FIRST PRIZE SILVER CAMPINE COCKEREL
BOSTON SHOW JAN. 1915 BRED & OWNED BY
HOMESTEAD CAMPINE FARM WAYLAND MASS

THIS bird is a nice shaped individual, having a good head and a wonderful clear hackle. In body color he was clear and distinct in the marking while his black ground color had plenty of green lustre, which is so important in this breed. His saddle and back was well furnished with clear marked plumage and no doubt, as head of one of the numerous breeding pens at Homestead Campine Farm will prove to be a good breeder.—*A. O. Schilling.*

is a sandy plain covered with brushwood, and it keeps the bird busy, and on the alert to catch every insect and every worm in sight. They forage far and near, but they thrive on this occupation as the exercise makes them a hardy, active bird.

The Campine and the Braekel, a bird bred on the rich soil of Flanders, are supposed to be of common origin, and in color and feather markings they are alike, both being white-topped birds, but "one has changed all that," and through the fancy and efforts of the breeders the present

An Inviting Spot

plumage has been attained. Quoting from Rev. E. Lewis Jones, of England, "there is a tendency among the birds of Belgium toward markings on the back, but the Belgians only preserve the white-topped ones, breeding only from such birds." But through selective breeding the American breeder is producing a bird of beautiful type, wonderful coloring and excellent markings.

I have heard it said and read that the Campine is not a hardy bird, but to my mind this impression is erroneous. I have also read that poultry are like people, and when transported from their native clime to a foreign

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A · REMARKABLE · TRIO

AFTER reading that comprehensive article on "Present Poultry Conditions and Prospects in Europe," by Edward Brown, F. L. S., in August issue of R. P. J., one is led to appreciate what it will mean to Belgian breeders to have their most valued race of egg producers preserved from extinction by their popularity in this country, that began so shortly before the great conflict that swept their country. American poultry keepers can congratulate themselves that they "went in" for the Campine on a generous scale and that enough of the blood is well established now to make further importations unnecessary. C. A. Phipps, proprietor of Homestead Campine Farm, Box, R., Wayland Mass., reports that the fertility of his Campine eggs has been remarkable. He has hatched about 1,500 beautiful, strong, healthy chicks and he reports further that the season has brought many good orders for both eggs and stock. The demand for stock is increasing each day. His shipments of young stock began about September first. Campine experts who visited Boston and Madison Square Garden will recognize in the illustration his beautiful first winning Boston hen and second pullet, also the male, known since the New York Show as "The Vigorous Cockerel." The Campine has become acclimated to America. The spendid flocks at Homestead Farm have well earned their title of "The Vigorous Strain." To have flocks, beautiful as the Campine and so productive of big white eggs, must be a rare delight. Add to this their fine Standard qualities that make them winners in the leading show rooms and any one must recognize the reasons for high value.

—*F. L. Sewell.*

clime a little time is required for both poultry and people to become acclimatized and to adapt themselves to their new surroundings, but I think the acclimatization of the Campine has been accomplished, and the born American Campine can match any bird in hardiness and health.

While the Campine is comparatively a new breed of bird in this country it has been with us sufficiently long to prove its unquestionable worth in hardiness, productivity, prepotency, beauty and profit.

Homestead Pets

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IN all probability, in war-swept Belgium, the native home of the Campine, where it was developed and known as one of the world's most productive layers of good sized eggs, very few of these valuable fowls remain. We learn that even the English stock of them is greatly depleted because great numbers of them have been sent as food to the soldiers who are "somewhere in France." Peace in our country permits a large production and cause goodly large profits. The conditions demand "preparedness" on the part of poultrymen in this country if our friends in the countries now at war are to be able to refill their depleted yards with high class, standard-bred fowls. The Campines were the best fowl Belgium possessed, as profitable layers, the cost of keeping them was the minimum and the yield of eggs the maximum. America is fortunate in securing the Campine, and is especially fortunate in having so charmingly plumaged Campines as the fine, show-quality birds bred by Homestead Campine Farm. Many of the big shows have watched with growing interest the steady improvement in Mr. Phipps' birds. This is by no means the first time his elegant Campines have won first on exhibition pen at Boston's great show. In looking over the record of Homestead Campine Farm at Boston I find that its splendid collection won first in all single classes, as well as first on the most excellent pen illustrated above—*F. L. Sewell.*

FEEDING

I frequently hear and read a great deal about how to feed fowls: the best methods for the best results. I have tried a good many of these different ways of which I have read and heard and I have had good results and poor results. It depends somewhat on the breed of fowl we are handling as regards the feeding but the basic principle which I have found to be both satisfactory and profitable, I have found to hit equally well the different breeds which I have bred on my farm, viz.: White Plymouth Rocks, White Wyandottes, White Leghorns, and last but not least by any means the most remarkable, interesting and profitable breed of fowl of which I have knowledge, viz., the Silver Campine.

Balanced rations are no doubt scientific principles based on the experience and observation of men of judgment and of study; but my experience has taught me that birds should balance their own rations the same as people who can judge what agrees with them and what does not. I keep before my growing stock all the time the best feed that I can buy and the birds are at liberty to eat when they will; whatever grain my birds indicate they like most (and they like different grains at different seasons of the year), I increase in the mixture the grain they like most and decrease what they like least: one can see from time to time by feeding in hoppers just what grain the birds leave unconsumed. I never compel my birds to eat up what is left in the hoppers before feeding them again; I change the proportions in the mixture in accordance to what they leave, providing they leave it long enough to satisfy me that they leave it because they do not want it; naturally birds as well as ourselves are very apt to eat first what they like best, so these conditions must be taken into consideration. I find it more economical to feed the birds what they indicate they want, for by giving them what they want they will eat it and therefore there is no waste.

HOUSING

Now a few words on the subject of housing: In their winter quarters on wooden floors, which should be raised from the ground, we put not more than two inches of screened gravel, on top of which we put several inches of coarse shavings (I buy baled shavings) and on top of the shavings we use O. K. litter which is a moss peat: from time to time during the winter we add fresh shavings and some litter as conditions require. My

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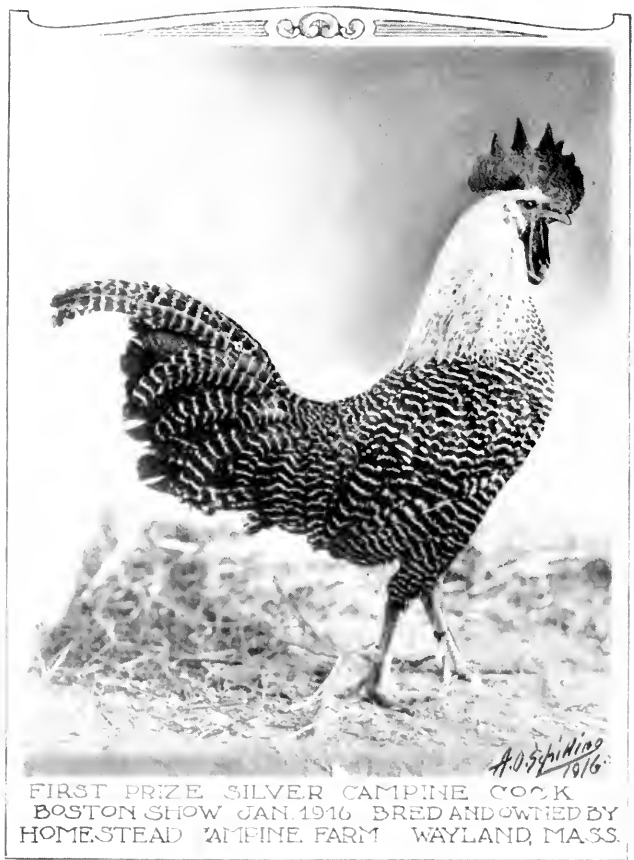
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FIRST PRIZE SILVER CAMPINE COCK
BOSTON SHOW JAN. 1916 BRED AND OWNED BY
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IT is really quite remarkable when one considers the wonderful improvements which have taken place in the breeding of Silver Campines since their introduction into this country. In addition to the improvement of color, American breeders have taken up the question of vitality which in our opinion was a move in the right direction. Mr. C. A. Phipps, Proprietor of Homestead Campine Farm, Wayland, Mass., is the originator of a family of exhibition Campines that are known as the "Vigorous Strain." A glance at the above illustration will plainly reveal to the reader that Homestead Campines possess color as well as vigor and vitality. The fact is, style, action and vigor are strongly depicted in the study of this male. He is a bird full of pluck and action which is bound to tell in his progeny. The fact is a busy hen is always known as a laying hen and to produce active busy pullets means a more favorable opportunity for a full egg basket.—*A. O. Schilling.*

houses are absolutely dry during the entire season as the litter, and to a certain extent the shavings, absorb the moisture.

In winter I allow my birds to run at will from their houses to their yard, but I keep a certain portion of the yard clear of snow so that parts of the yard are favorable to the comfort of the birds. Campines need, as do all domesticated fowl, reasonable consideration, but beyond this I have found them as hardy, sturdy, rugged and also independent as any bird I know. Of course, on stormy days the birds are kept housed.

We use O. K. litter also on the drop-boards; we break the litter up fine putting on the drop-boards roughly speaking about an inch or two; the moisture from the droppings is absorbed and the birds breathe pure dry air; with no moisture there is little danger of their combs freezing; even with the thermometer from fifteen to twenty-five degrees below zero, as it is at times during the winter in this locality and we rarely have a frosted comb. The litter should be frequently stirred and occasionally more litter added. The O. K. litter will absorb only a certain amount of moisture, at which time the drop-board should be cleaned and new litter put on. This occurs at intervals during the year. We consider this quite an innovation from the old method.

We have open front houses with cloth screens which are put in on cold nights or stormy days and nights. We believe in making the birds as comfortable as possible at night. We also believe in fresh air, but not in having it blow directly upon the birds. Fresh clean water is indispensable.

SHOW · RECORD

We are offering to lovers of high-class poultry a rare opportunity to purchase at reasonable prices some of our remarkably fine and beautiful birds bred on the same lines and also from the same matings that produced our winners at the great Boston Shows of 1914, 1915 and 1916, at the New York State Fair, Syracuse, 1914 and 1915, at the Madison Square Garden, N. Y., 1915, and at the Grand Central Palace, N. Y., 1914 and 1915. At all these exhibits our birds attracted special attention and made a great impression by their beauty and condition. Our Palace Boy, first prize cockerel at the Palace Show, 1915, was pronounced by Campine judges to be the best ever seen and exhibited up to date. Our first prize cock at the Palace was very much admired by Campine experts at the show. This bird has an absolutely white hackle with beautiful, clear, clean markings throughout, breast, back, wing and tail. Our first prize hen at this show, which bird, by the way, was awarded four ribbons, was pronounced a "dream."

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WINNINGS

January, 1915 Boston	September, 1915 N. Y. State Fair	December, 1915 Palace Show, New York		January, 1916 Boston
1-2-3 Cock	2 Cock	1-4 Cock	Special for	1-2-3-5-6 Cock
1-2-3-5 Cockerel	1 Hen	1-2 Hen	Color and	1-2-3-4 Hen
1-2 Hen	3-5 Cockerel	1-5 Cockerel	Type 1st Hen	1-3-4 Cockerel
2-3 Pullet	2-3 Pullet	2-4 Pullet	Special for	1-3-5-6 Pullet
1-2 Exhbn. Pen	1 Old Exhbn. Pen	2 Exhbn. Pen	Color	1-2 Exhbn. Pen
1 Display	2 Young Exhbn. Pen	1 Display	1st Cockerel	Specials for best male and female.

FIRST PRIZE COCK, PALACE, NEW YORK, DEC. 1915
HOMESTEAD CAMPINE FARM, WAYLAND, MASS

PALACE · COCK · HOMESTEAD · CAMPINE · FARM

IT needs but one glance to impress anyone with vigorous temperament that appears so fully embodied in this cock that took first prize at the Palace Show of last December.

Stamina and the love of activity are so needful in the breeding of all highly productive layers. This male besides his many fine show points has every indication that his breeding would produce stock sure to prove this claim of Campine breeders: "large number of eggs with small quantity of food." The vigilant care spent to increase the actual vigor of the HOMESTEAD CAMPINE FARM birds and the clever kindly handling plainly evidenced by the actions of their birds, make them particularly well adapted for successful showing, resulting in stock that do not fail for lack of constitution and that also take confident pride in being good performers in the show pen.—*F. L. Sewell.*

OUR · TERMS · AND · METHODS
QUESTIONS · ANSWERED

As it is impossible for me to answer personally all letters received just previous to and during the breeding period, we beg you to accept this book in acknowledgment and reply to your letter of inquiry. In cases where specific request is made or special information is desired, we assure our kind readers that we will with pleasure be of any service possible and give them in detail all information we can.

As regards day-old chicks—we do not have them for sale. Our idea has been and will continue to be to hatch and raise only the best possible. Therefore, we could not afford to dispose of day-old chicks at a price to meet the competition in this line.

A word regarding mating lists. We do not issue mating lists for the simple reason that our pens are mated in accord with certain principles and ideas and subject to changes when deemed wise for best results. We also aim to test the fertility of eggs from each pen before shipping same to our customers, and we find that our customers are much better satisfied in leaving the selection of their hatching eggs to us.

If any customer to whom we ship stock is not perfectly satisfied, please give the birds a rest, feed and water them, and return to us. We will refund purchase money. We pay return express charges on males at $10.00 or more each and on females at $5.00 or more each.

We cannot ship orders C. O. D. Money should accompany each order in the form of money order or its equivalent. In ordering for future delivery a deposit of 25 per cent of the amount of purchase should be made.

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A WINNING SILVER CAMPINE COCK
BOSTON SHOW JAN 1916 BRED & OWNED BY
HOMESTEAD CAMPINE FARM WAYLAND, MASS.

WAYLAND · CAESAR

A · WINNING · COCK · BIRD · BOSTON · 1916

DURING the recent Boston Show, C. A. Phipps, Proprietor of Homestead Campine Farm, Wayland, Mass., invited us to look over some of his choice Campine males and among them we found the subject for the above illustration. This male won fifth prize in the open classes, but as his type and color, also general qualities were so unusually good Mr. Phipps decided that a faithful study of him would be greatly appreciated. Probably the only real fault shown in this male was in neck and hackle which was to dark. However, despite this fact he was a bird full of merit in many ways. His wing color was remarkable while in general type and carriage he was hard to find fault with as a typical modern Campine. His comb was good, nicely serrated, and free from bad wrinkles. We consider him a very desirable breeder and no doubt Mr. Phipps will enjoy producing some wonderful specimens from the pen which he will head during the coming season.—*A. O. Schilling.*

PRICE · ON · STOCK · AND · EGGS

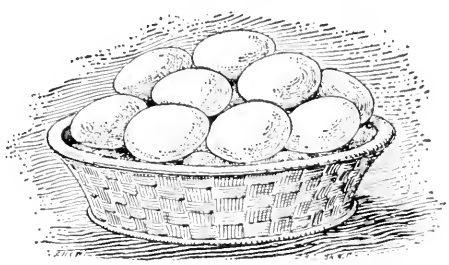
In giving the following general price-list of our stock we desire to say that in some cases the prices may not be in accord with the requirements of the prospective purchaser, in which case a few words in detail as to just what he has in mind would make it possible for us to fulfil his requirement. It is needless to say that a purchaser should not expect to get a $25.00 bird for $5.00 but our stock is such that we feel positive we can meet most any demand and we are anxious to meet all enquirers just a bit more than half way, therefore enquirer, do not fail to come back at us, write us again and tell us just what you want and about how much you care to invest in order to get what you want, then if we cannot satisfy you the loss will be ours with regret that we are unable to meet your demand.

Prices on single birds are as follows: MALES, $5.00, $7.50, $10.00, $15.00, $20.00, $25.00, $35.00, $40.00, $50.00 and upwards. FEMALES, $5.00, $6.00, $8.00, $10.00, $15.00, $25.00 and upwards. TRIOS, $20.00, $25.00, $30.00, $40.00, $50.00 and upwards. BREEDING PENS, consisting of four females and one male, $30.00, $35.00, $40.00, $50.00, $60.00, $75.00 and upwards. Prices on our best stock a matter of correspondence.

Prices for hatching eggs as follows: Eggs as they run from all our pens (not including special matings), $5.00 per setting of fifteen eggs, $11.00 per fifty, $20.00 per one hundred.

Eggs selected from our best pens and where we can be of specific benefit to the purchaser in selecting for certain points, $10.00 per setting of fifteen eggs, $25.00 per fifty.

We have special matings at $1.00 and $2.00 per egg.



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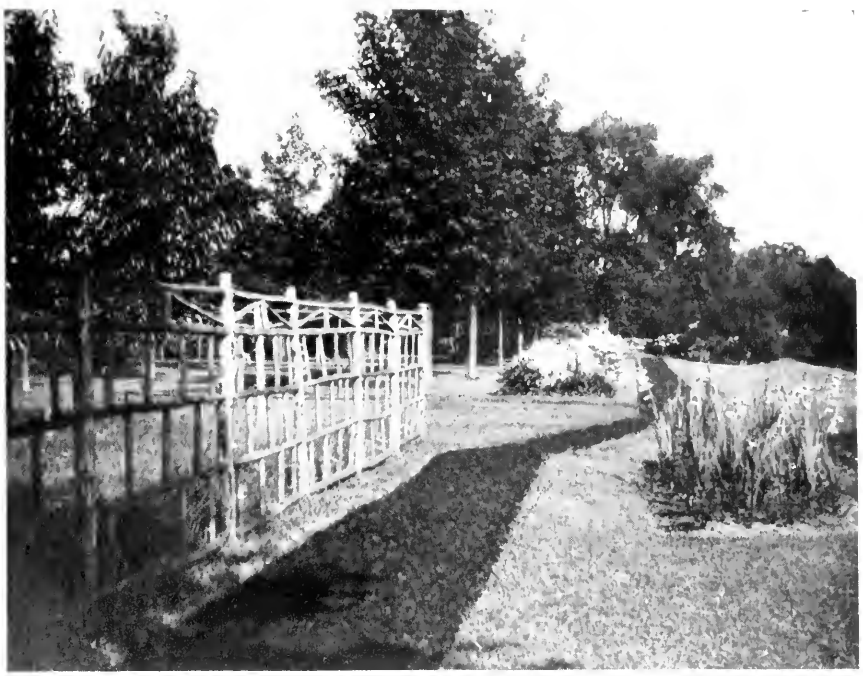
FIRST PRIZE SILVER CAMPINE HEN
NEW YORK PALACE SHOW DEC 1915 BRED & OWNED BY
HOMESTEAD CAMPINE FARM WAYLAND, MASS.

FIRST · PRIZE · HEN · PALACE · SHOW · 1915

A WORD description or the pictorial efforts of our pen or brush hardly seems to suffice in an effort to present a likeness of the first prize Campine hen at the recent New York Palace Show, shown by Homestead Campine Farms, Wayland, Mass.. This beautiful individual was brought to us to be photographed and placed before the camera. After studying her carefully we were particularly pleased with her exquisite outlines and profile when posed for the picture. She was a model to behold and Mr. C. A. Phipps, owner and breeder, is entitled to congratulations on having produced this wonderful specimen. We have made studies of numerous Homestead Campines in the past few years, but in our opinion this female carries off first honors as a finished product. She was active, full of type and vigor which are well known characteristics of the "vigorous strain."—*A. O. Schilling.*



Eastern Entrance to Yards

OUR · GUARANTEE · ON · EGGS FOR · HATCHING

We guarantee all eggs to be fresh and fertile but we do not guarantee that every egg will produce a chick. Eggs must be tested on the 10th day and not before. If less than twelve fertile eggs are found in any setting of fifteen and the same in proportion to any number of eggs purchased we will replace them once free of cost as soon as possible after previous orders have been filled. The clear eggs must be returned to us at once after test, in original package, express charges prepaid. We cannot make good any claims of infertility unless reported to us previous to the hatch. We pack our eggs carefully and in what seems to us the best packages for the purpose and we guarantee all eggs to leave our hands in good order; rough and careless handling by express companies and unnecessarily long exposure where eggs are chilled are conditions over which we have little or no control.

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A.O. Schilling 1916
FIRST PRIZE SILVER CAMPINE COCKEREL
BOSTON SHOW JAN. 1916 BRED AND OWNED BY
HOMESTEAD CAMPINE FARM WAYLAND, MASS.

FIRST · PRIZE · COCKEREL · BOSTON · 1916

THE above illustration represents first prize Silver Campine cockerel at the Boston Show, January, 1916, where he won first honors in a class of nine birds shown by some of the best specialists in the east. He was a large active bird with a long well-spread tail and excellent marked coverts which were well barred to the end, as shown in the illustration. He should develop into a cock of excellent type when fully matured as he has the desired size and bone which seems to be one of the characteristics of the "Vigorous Strain," his neck hackle was quite clear considering his strength of body and wing color. The record of Homestead Campine Farms at Boston Show two years in succession is unapproached. This season this wonderful team of Silver Campines won as follows: 1-2-3-5-6 Cock, 1-2-3-4- Hens, 1-3-4 Cockerels, 1-3-5-6 Pullets and 1-2 Pen. Their record of last year was equally as good in the percentage of prizes won and in addition to this, they have also been unusually successful at such shows as the New York Palace Shows and Syracuse State Fair Exhibition during the past season.—*A. O. Schilling.*

In Winter

So good purchaser, do not blame us entirely for not altogether a perfect hatch; we will do all in our power that is reasonable to see that our customers get justice and our complaints up to the present time have been none.

Eggs should be carefully handled in unpacking and should be allowed to remain on one side about twelve hours and then turned over on the opposite side to remain twelve hours longer after which they may be placed under the hen or in the incubator.

We desire to call attention to the fact that we do not ship an egg to a customer, regardless of price, which we would not use for our own purpose. We do not mate a pen of birds except for the best results possible, namely, vigor, productivity, prepotency, type, beauty and perfection of quality.

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THE great changes that have been made in Silver Campines since their introduction to the American public is due to the untiring efforts of a few fanciers. The Homestead Campine Farm at Wayland, Mass., has done a great deal towards improving the shape and color of this valuable breed, and the great number of prizes won by their birds at the largest shows in America proves that the stock exhibited by them comes very close to standard requirements. The first prize cock at the great Palace Show, New York, is a most beautiful specimen of the breed. The almost pure white hackle and the clean barring in all sections of the body made him an easy winner.—*Louis A. Stahmer.*

Our success is indicated by the comment on our birds and their records at the largest shows in the country.

It is an acknowledged fact among breeders of Campines that it is very difficult to produce an exhibition bird having good, clear neck hackle, good breast and good clear markings on the upper part of the body. It is easy to get any two, but very hard to get all three in the same specimen. Our first prize winning Campine cock at the Grand Central Palace Show, New York, December, 1915, had all three of the above points, and absolutely clear white hackle, a well-marked breast and back and added to this, a practically perfect barred wing and tail. One can readily see what manner of bird was our first prize cock at the Palace Show.

In speaking of our first prize cockerel at this show, Mr. F. L. Platt said, "The first Palace cockerel was a bird of substance; a true Campine in type. His color was sound in every section, and the back was wonderful. Not only the even barring, or the pure white of the white bar, but the soft texture of the feather appealed to me strongly."

Mr. Louis A. Stahmer, the American Poultry Journal, says of this bird, "The first prize cockerel is a model in type and color."

Mr. Platt, in speaking of our first prize hen at this show said, "The first hen was a good one shown at her best. She wins both shape and color specials on females."

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THERE must be a reason when a strain of fowls can win the majority of first prizes at three great shows in one season. Standard requirements and vigorous conditions must be present in great measure at such shows to convince the judge. The first prize cockerel shown in the above picture, owned by the Homestead Campine Farm, Wayland, Mass., won easily at the New York Palace Show — comment is unnecessary, as the above unretouched picture tells the tale.—*L. A. S.*

LAST · BUT · NOT · LEAST

Let me say a few words to the beginner with reference to the rearing of chicks, namely, that it makes little or no difference how good the stock may be unless the chicks are properly reared and cared for one will get few prize winners, if any, or excellent layers.

Make your chicks happy and keep them busy, for this tends to health. Cleanliness above all things is necessary. Clean, fresh water, clean litter and housing, plenty of good clean, proper feed, but not overfeeding, fresh air and sunshine and your chicks will mature quickly. Keep your chicks free of head lice, which simply means keep the mother hen free from lice, and you will not only have vigor and health in your birds, but put feathers of the right color, lustre and finish on them. I do not hesitate in the least to make this statement for I have seen it demonstrated clearly in more than one instance; so, my good lover of poultry, if you are raising chicks bear in mind to give them a little thought, a little care, and a little consideration and the result will be, I assure you, pleasing and most satisfactory.

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FIRST PRIZE SILVER CAMPINE COCKEREL
NEW YORK PALACE SHOW DEC. 1915 BRED & OWNED BY
HOMESTEAD CAMPINE FARM WAYLAND, MASS.

AMONG the exhibit that won best display in the Silver Campine classes at the last New York Palace show were a number of unusually choice specimens exhibited by Homestead Campine Farms, Wayland, Mass. Naturally it takes good birds to win first honors in classes found at exhibitions like the Palace show. It is the specimen possessing merits and qualities above the show grade standard that carries off the blue ribbon. In this class we place the Homestead Farms, first prize hen, and the cockerel shown above. This male was a fairly large sized bird showing much of the stamina that is being developed in the "vigorous strain" and with this he was a show bird in form and feather. He had a remarkably well barred tail and saddle while his hackle was unusually clean for a bird carrying the strength of breast color that he possessed.—*A. O. Schilling.*

THE · LURE · OF · THE · BIRD

Poultrymen have told me that for various reasons they were obliged to give up the poultry business, but the lure of the bird proved too much for them and sooner or later they found themselves back in the poultry yard with the same old love, interest and care for the feathered flock as of yore. The lure of the bird is irresistible!

Who, that has experienced it can ever forget the thrill of the first win! The pleasure of the winnings of succeeding years cannot be compared to that inexpressible thrill of the first victory which your first prize cock or cockerel or both, as the case may be, have won for you.

Once a fancier, always a fancier! One lingers in the feathery realm, handling with keen pleasure his favorite breed—the Silver Campine!

I have handled many breeds of fowl and each has its merit and attraction, but to my fancy no breed combines to the same degree the varied qualities of beauty and utility as the Silver Campine; its beautifully marked and lustrous green plumage in contrast with the white hackle and red comb, presents a picture unparalleled.

The Campine is beautifully proportioned and the brightness and alertness of its nature give to the bird a grace, carriage and charm all its own.

"Make haste leisurely" should be the motto of the tyro in the poultry business. Study the nature and characteristics of the breed you are handling and inform yourself as to the means of obtaining the best results.

Do not over-feed your birds; make them work; it stimulates circulation, develops strength and vigor and keeps them occupied and happy; occupation is the secret of happiness and happiness makes for health.

If you live in a climate where snow is on the ground for weeks in the winter and the thermometer registers from ten to twenty below zero, exercise is necessary, so keep your birds busy scratching for grain; do not scatter their feed superficially over the litter in their houses, but bury in the litter and force them to scratch and to seek in order to find; make them work for their living just as the owner of the flock is obliged to work for his living, he must

"Be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate,
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait."

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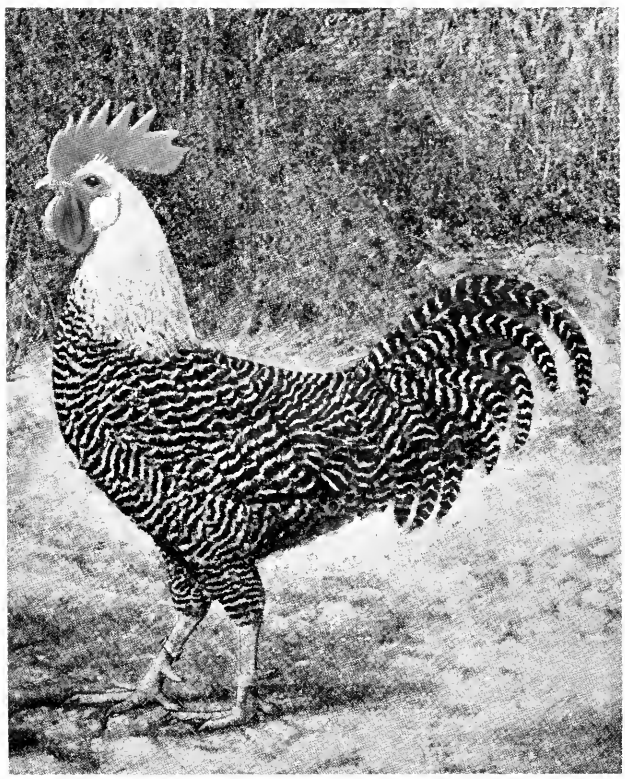

HOMESTEAD · CAMPINE · FARM · WINNER

MR. C. A. PHIPPS, owner of Homestead Campine Farm, Box R, Wayland, Mass., began to make this season's record in eastern shows at the great New York State Fair, at Syracuse, where this cock bird and his mates won first adult pen. His latest printed matter will tell how well his "vigorous strain" Campines have continued to do in the strongest competition. Mr. A. O. Schilling, who made a pen study of these birds from which this cut was made, said, "We have observed in this strain a steady improvement in size and a symmetrical, useful and beautiful type, while vitality and vigor seem fairly to stick out of them. This cock bird was an excellent example of this. He was solid and firm in flesh and bone, full of life and activity and at the same time he possessed plenty of show quality in form and feather. We are glad to note that Mr. Phipps is breeding along correct lines. Here's wishing him continued success." So say we all! At the last big show of the season—Boston—Homestead Campines won 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 cocks; 1, 2, 3, 4 hens; 1, 3, 4, 6 cockerels; 1, 3, 5, 6 pullets and 1, 2 pens—surely a brilliant ending for the 1915-1916 show season.—*R. P. J.*

THE · VIGOROUS · STRAIN

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The splendid illustration of the Boston Show Campine winner belonging to C. A. Phipps of Homestead Campine Farm, shown on this month's cover of A. P. W., will undoubtedly hold the interest of A. P. W. readers whether they are breeding this worthy fowl, or not. Certainly Artist Schilling has succeeded well in picturing this exceptionally fine specimen about which he has stated the following when he referred to him in an earlier issue of A. P. W.:

Homestead Campine Farm, Wayland, Mass., produced a good one in their winning cockerel at the recent Roston Show. He was a nice shaped individual having a good head, and a wonderful clear hackle. In body color he was clear and distinct in the white marking, while his black ground color had plenty of green lustre, which is so important in this breed. His saddle and back were well furnished with clear marked plumage and no doubt, as head of one of the numerous breeding pens at Homestead Campine Farm, he will prove to be a good breeder.

Mr. Phipps is an enthusiastic poultry breeder and has been exceptionally successful in producing Silver Campines of high quality. He has not only succeeded in developing a strain high in standard qualifications but has made health and vigor an outstanding characteristic of his productions. He has christened his strain the "Vigorous strain" and it is a most fitting name indeed as we have yet to see the first Homestead Farm Campine that was not the picture of health and vigor.

Recently when speaking of the Campines Mr. Phipps said: "For egg produc-

THE · UTILITY · SIDE · AS · WELL · AS · FANCY

FIRST · PRIZE · HEN · BOSTON · JANUARY · 1916.

PERHAPS you have never posed a hen for her picture on a nest of eggs. A hen that has been always kindly handled, if she is laying regularly, is apt to take to it with evident enjoyment. This hen, first prize winner at Roston, showed plain evidence of genuine interest in this clutch of eggs on which she was posed; the eggs were like her own, being laid during the show by the first prize exhibition pen, owned by Homestead Campine Farm.—*F. L. Sewell.*

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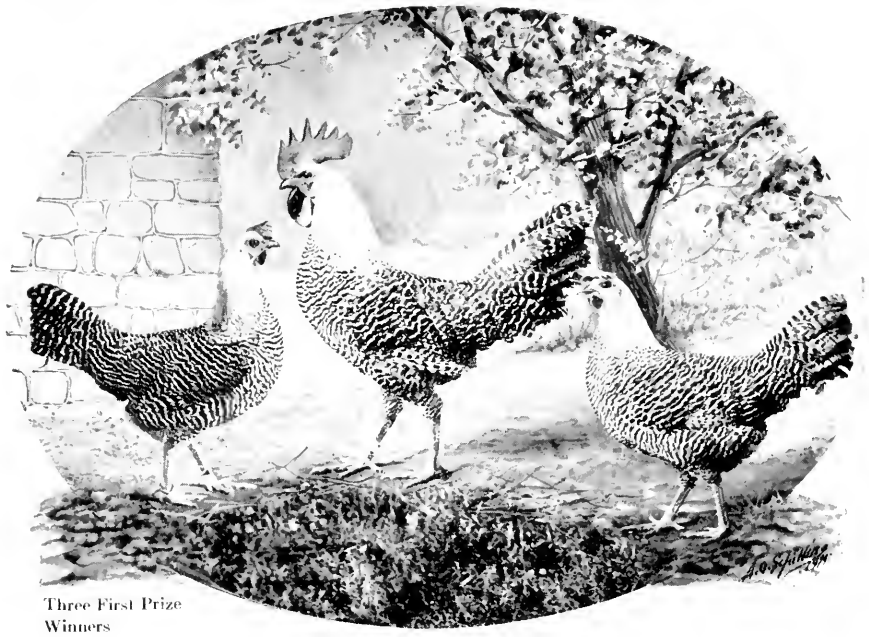
tion I know of no breed so prolific and so wonderful as the Campine and I can readily see why they are so quickly forging to the front; one has only to own a flock of this delightful breed to understand the fact. The increasing number of inquiries and the brisk demand for the Campine is another proof of the rapidly growing popularity of this remarkable breed.

"There is economy in investing in a good strain of birds, this I have proven to my own satisfaction. I can recommend the Silver Campine to all who wish a bird that is both beautiful and productive. Their well-known laying ability is history, while their striking beauty is commended by all who see them.



Three First Prize Winners

A · BEAUTIFUL · TRIO

"It may be of interest to state that our business has been most satisfactory and the demand for high-grade hatching eggs and stock is increasing daily. The inquiries and demand for eggs and stock at this season of the year is unusual, and are coming from all parts of the country, especially so from Texas, New Mexico, Porto Rico, Cuba and the Canal Zone.

"I would also like to say a word to the prospective poultry raiser. It costs no more to feed a pure-bred flock than it does a lot of mongrels, and the return is far more satisfactory. In the end the best is the cheapest because the best is what the public wants and are willing to pay for, that is, this has been my experience.

"Poultry raising when properly conducted cannot fail to be profitable. The raising of a fine flock of birds is within the modest means of the small breeder and can be made the source of a profitable revenue if good care and careful management is bestowed."

Mr. Phipps is among the largest breeders of Campines in America and has produced over twelve hundred head during the past season. These birds we understand have matured beautifully and include a large number of very promising exhibition specimens. For the coming season eighteen pens will be mated and

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these will be described in the Homestead Campine Farm catalogue that will be ready in January.

It is men of the calibre of Mr. Phipps that give the standard-bred poultry industry the proper balance. He has given both his time and his fortune freely for its advancement. May he live to see his favorites one of the most popular breeds in the American fancy.

The Campine is a product of Belgium, where it has long been popular for its great productiveness and has been bred for years as an egg producer. In fact, the Campine has been to Belgium what the White Leghorn is to America and has earned the name of "Everlasting layers" in its mother country. Several years ago the English were attracted by its good qualities and the Campine soon became popular in that country. The English at once set out to improve type and feather and no doubt introduced foreign blood in an effort to develop their hobby. They succeeded in improving the feather markings to a great extent, but it remained for American fanciers to put on the finishing touches and today the best exhibition specimens are among our most beautiful breeds. The improvement in feather markings appears to have been done without injury to their well-known laying ability.

—*From American Poultry World.*

The belief is more or less widespread that the Campine lacks vitality, and does not thrive well in this country. In other words have not yet become acclimated. To such persons as have this belief a visit to Homestead Campine Farm, Wayland, Mass., there to inspect the flock of Silver Campines owned by Mr. C. A. Phipps, the proprietor, would be entirely sufficient to dispel any such foolish beliefs.

The Campines, hundreds of them to be found at Homestead Campine Farm, are the very picture of health. We did not see a Campine, old or young, which showed any signs of lacking in strength and health, in fact we never have seen a more robust or stronger flock of fowls of any breed or variety than we saw at Homestead Campine Farm.

Another thing, to our mind the Homestead strain of Silver Campines have something more than health and strong, robust constitutions, and that is marvelous color and type. We say marvelous, and advisedly so, when we come to take into consideration those high-tail short-back specimens we have seen so often and so plenty in the showroom.

Mr. Phipps has undoubtedly the best type in Campines that has so far been produced by any breeder, and in color and barring is uniformly distinctly defined.

Why has Mr. Phipps succeeded so well with Campines? We do not need to search very far for our answer. He is one of those kind of men who possess a kind of judgment that is of rare value to those who possess it.

This judgment has been used without stint in the production and the perfection of his strain of Campines. He had no better opportunities perhaps than others in the importation of his foundation stock, and might have found himself in a position to be criticised for not being able to produce large, robust, finely marked and typical Campines had he not gone to work with the right kind of determination, but he resolved otherwise, and today can point with pardonable pride to owning a strain of Silver Campines that for beauty and gracefulness cannot be surpassed, and for type and general health no other breeder of any variety or breed can claim superiority.

We must confess that before we visited Homestead Campine Farm we were under the impression that there was some foundation for the impression that Campines were, as a rule, lacking in strength and hard to raise, but we saw here unmistakable evidences that such impression was unfounded.

Mr. Phipps has letters from customers to whom he shipped eggs for hatching reporting in some cases every egg fertile, and in many instances 90 per cent hatches. He also had letters from customers whom he had shipped stock to saying where they had laid en route and kept it up after arrival without a skip.

Homestead Campine Farm call its strain of Campines "The Vigorous Strain," and if ever a concern had the right to name a strain thus it is this one.

"The Vigorous Strain" of Campines that stands out as prominently has the quality, beauty and gracefulness of the stock which made this record possible.

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We will simply say that at such shows as Boston, New York, State Fair, Grand Palace and other equally as important shows this strain of Campines has made great records.—*From Poultry Success.*

Briefly, the Campine, a native of Belgium, was introduced into England in the early 90's. At that time there was no semblance of regularity in the markings of males or females. The markings were

FIRST · BOSTON · PULLET · 1916

HOMESTEAD · CAMPINE · FARM

THIS superb pullet that won first prize at Boston Show made her initial appearance last Autumn at Syracuse, New York State Fair, where she was second. She was in faultless condition at Boston and posed well to show her line form and elegant pencilings in beautiful contrast with the glossy black bars of her plumage. I have before called attention to the neatness of head and comb common to the "Vigorous" Campines that I have seen.

This first prize Boston pullet strikes me as particularly well-balanced, exhibiting unusually attractive symmetry.—*F. L. Sewell.*

This month's attractive cover illustration showing Homestead Campine Farm's splendid winners at the 1915 Boston Show reflects credit to the breed, to owner C. A. Phipps and to Artist A. O. Schilling. Few breeds have improved so rapidly as the Silver Campine, few breeders have supported them so generously and enthusiastically as Mr. Phipps, and few at home or abroad understand them so well as Mr. Schilling.

stippled instead of barred, nearly all of the males showed white-top color and long white saddle hangers. Fortunately it fell into the hands of expert breeders who saw their possibilities and began to work towards a definite goal. It was about ten years after their introduction into England before they began to "go." During that time they had been perfected a great deal, both males and females were showing barring, and a Standard that

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provided for hen feathered males to enable the production of exhibition birds of both sexes from a single mating had been adopted.

In Belgium the breed has long been noted for the size and number of eggs produced. These qualities at once appealed to the English poultry breeder and no doubt had much to do with their advancement in that country. Since it was introduced into America, these same qualities seem to appeal to the American poultry keeper with the result that interest in the breed developed very rapidly and they now can be said to be bred extensively. Mr. Phipps has performed a valuable service to the breed. He has named his breed the "Vigorous Strain" and insists on stamina and vitality as the first requirements in his breeding stock. The birds that he has exhibited at New York, Boston and other shows have been conspicuous for their robust appearance and good size in addition to their standard qualities of shape and color. With such men as Mr. Phipps back of the breed, it is sure to continue to make progress and find favor in this country.—*From American Poultry World.*

A pleasurable part of our work as artist of the American Poultry Journal is visiting the poultry farms of our advertisers. It has been my privilege during the last ten years to visit quite a few plants where thoroughbred poultry is raised either for business or pleasure and we consider the knowledge gained during these trips a very valuable asset when comparing the methods of housing, feeding and mating, that are in use on these different farms with the results obtained. We were agreeably surprized on our first visit to the Homestead Campine Farm, Wayland, Mass. First of all the beautiful, artistic plotted and kept grounds and splendidly appointed poultry yard took our eye. Then, when we saw the largest flock of Silver Campines which we had seen up to this time and saw the remarkable uniformity of color and type, we knew right then that nothing but the most skillful mating and the finest breeding pens could have produced them. The name of "Vigorous" strain as applied to the Homestead Campine is well taken and we are certain that the method of feeding and housing on the farm has a great share in the splendid and healthy condition in which we found their birds. We did not see an off-colored or sickly specimen on the place and do not think that there ever was one. The fine show record of the Homestead Silver Campine is still further proof that they have the goods.—*L. A. Stahmer, A. P. J.*

We wish to call the attention of our readers to the cut of the Homestead Campine Farm, picturing their Young Pen as shown at the Syracuse State Fair, September, 1915. These well-known Campine Breeders have made a reputation not only from their consisetnt winnings at America's greatest poultry exhibitions, but from the fact that they have sold hundreds of prize-winning specimens to satisfied customers in all sections of this country and foreign lands.

It would be well for all those interested in Silver Campines to write them asking for their new catalogue which is just off the press, showing their birds with beautiful illustrations and descriptions of the Homestead Campine Farm. In writing them, mention this illustration as pictured in—*Everybody's Poultry Magazine.*

With poor Belgium devastated and its native breed practically extinct in its own country the lover of the Campine rejoices that America contains some of the best specimens of the breed today. Much credit is due the Homestead Campine Farm for keeping up, not only the beautiful plumage of these birds, but also the stamina which has resulted in the product of this farm, being known as the "Vigorous" strain. The illustration of the first prize hen at Boston last winter which is here given depicts a bright, well formed, healthy specimen with the "vigorous" quality easily discerned. Then there are the color points: the almost clean white neck, the nice sharp barring of black and white, in regular pattern, showing the hand of the fancier and demonstrating the fact that fancy and utility can be combined when the true fancier takes hold of a breed. In a later issue we shall have more to say of the Homestead Campine Farm, but the catalogue recently issued gives many interesting points regarding their birds and is well worth sending for. Their address is Homestead Campine Farm, Box N, Wayland, Mass. *From American Fancier and Stock Keeper—Boston.*

Way up here near the home of Mr. Phipps and his homestead Campine farm, we expected to see a large and quality display of this variety. We were in no

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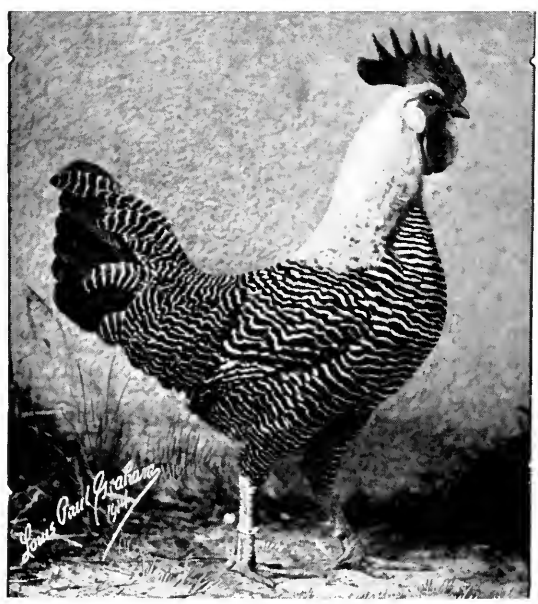
way disappointed, as the entry was good and the competition very strong in every class. Shape and quality in the Campines have been improved, and they have never shown to better advantage than right now.

The Homestead Campine Farm exhibiting their Silver Campines here, landed the best record ever made on this variety that we know of. This is big talk, we know, but we mean all that we say, as there were quality birds here, and competition was good in all departments. Their winnings are as follows: Cock 1, 3, 5 and 6; hens 1, 2, 3 and 4; cockerels 1, 3 and 4; pullets 1, 3, 5 and 6; pens 1 and 2. We looked over this line several times, expecting to find some special features among birds to comment upon, and quickly came to the conclusion that they were all a feature display, and that to describe more than one of them it simply would be to repeat. This line showed most excellent size and vigor, and that is what we most desire in any variety of poultry.

We quote again, in part, from the *American Poultry World*, February, 1915, issue, as follows:

"Homestead Campine Farm call their strain the 'Vigorous' strain on account of the hardiness, health, and vigor that has always characterized birds of their breeding. In developing this strain standard qualities have not been lost sight of as their very enviable show record will prove."

Late in the autumn or early winter of 1914 we had a delightful afternoon's visit from Mr. F. L. Platt of Swanton, Ohio, one of the world's acknowledged authorities on Campines, and by his courtesy and permission we print a copy of a letter received from Mr. Platt and for which we have reason to feel very proud:



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THIS is one of two cockerels shown at Boston that were pronounced by Campine men to be the best exhibited this year. He has good type, carriage and head, and is remarkably regular in his markings. He should sire many Blue Ribbon winners for Mr. Phipps this season.—*Louis Paul Graham.*

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Pens.—1st. We can well wonder if a better pen was ever shown of this variety. The females were wonderful in mating and of the best of color and markings, male strong and very desirable. *Second.* Very close to first and very worthy. *By H. P. Schwab—Everybody's Poultry Magazine.*

The catalogue of Silver Campines, the "Vigorous" strain, Homestead Campine Farm, Wayland, Mass., which Mr. C. A. Phipps has issued this season, is a booklet which will appeal to not only good breeders and fanciers of the Silver Campine fowl, but to breeders of other varieties as well, for it is a model of its kind, both from an outside as well as from a business standpoint. Both in well-written text and in the beautiful illustrations, this publication is very representative of the great Belgian fowl, and especially of the magnificent strain of Silver Campines bred by Mr. Phipps on his Homestead Campine Farm. It was Mr. Phipps' intention when he started to compile his catalogue to recapitulate a full and complete history, both early and late, of the wonderful Silver Campine but owing to circumstances over which he had no control, was prevented from carrying out his original idea, but nevertheless he succeeded in compiling a booklet which in clear, concise and convincing language gives his impressions, records and results of his birds at his Homestead Farm. A carful study of the latter as well as an examination of the remarkably fine photo-engravings of the noted Silver Campine winners at leading shows will give the reader a correct impression of the fine points of this noted fowl as well as of its extraordinary merit as a layer of white-shelled eggs and for the delicate and unusual flavor of its meat, which resembles that of a partridge or other game. In England, Campines are very popular as squab broilers at the age of two months, and some day not far off, Mr. Phipps thinks people in America will come to realize this, and the beautiful little Campine cockerel will surely stand at the top notch of the broiler market. The "Every-day layers," as Campines are called in their native country of Belgium, have been greatly improved by English and American breeders and fanciers in the past ten years, and no greater improvement has been made anywhere in this country than at Homestead Campine Farm, where the type and color markings of the breed have been bred to a very high standard without sacrificing the unexcelled utilitarian qualities.—*American Fancier and Stock-keeper, Boston 1916.*

February 24th, 1915.

Mr. C. A. Phipps, Wayland, Mass.
Dear Mr. Phipps:—

Since the close of the show season I have been thinking over the farms that I have visited and the birds of the various breeders as I have seen them in the shows, and I have wished that I might say something that would put before "Campinists" the real merit of your line as I have seen it in your yards and in competition in the show rooms. As I said to you, when I handled your birds, at your home,—here are Campines that are *plump* and *thrifty*, with the same big bright eye and agile action that one sees in the native stock of Belgium. Your intensive methods also remind me of Belgium. Every thing on the plant seemed to have its place and everything was in its place.

The condition of your birds is the highest recommendation to people who want usefulness and productivity. And, for those who want the grace and beauty of the modern Silver Campines, and combined with proper carriage, a refinement of head points, clear colors of plumage, sharp and contrasting—I should add that I consider your line one of the three or four *very best* in the United States. Remarkable advancement has been made in this variety since 1910, and *your strain shows* the *advanced quality* in *every section* of the standard bird in which progress has been made.

Wishing you continued success with the Silvers, and trusting that buyers will appreciate the actual merit of your fine stock, I remain

Yours very truly,
(*Signed*) FRANK L. PLATT.

We quote a few of the many comments on the beauty, health, and vigor of our wonderful strain of Silver Campines in order that our patrons may learn from different authorities what we claim is true.

We quote in part from an article in the January issue, 1915, of the American Poultry World:

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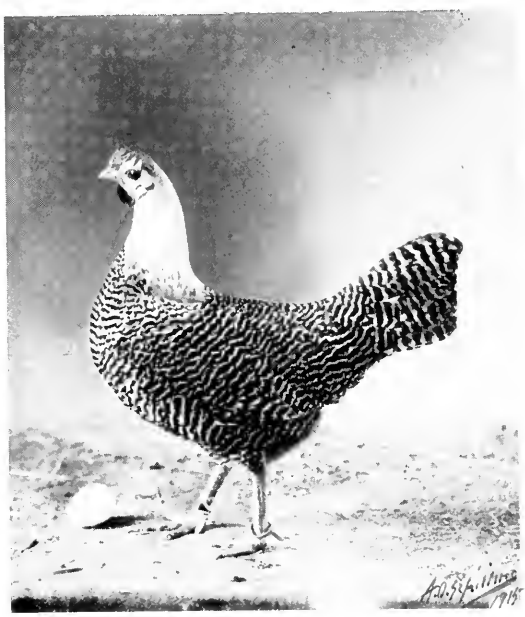
"The 'Vigorous' strain is the title by which the products of the Homestead Campine Farm are known and those who have handled the exhibits of this farm at prominent shows declare that the name is well applied. Silver Campines are the specialty of this farm and in the advertising in this issue they give some of their winnings at prominent shows which indicate that they have birds of exceptional quality. We wish to add our assurance of the reliability of this farm and feel that those who favor them with an order will receive fair treatment and satisfaction in the fullest sense of the word. The Campines are conceded by all to be prolific producers of large, white eggs. This feature combined with their beauty of plumage not only makes them favorites with the egg producer, but also with the fancier, who delights to wrestle with the knotty problems in producing exhibition specimens."

We quote an article by Mr. F. L. Platt, Associate Editor of the Reliable Poultry Journal, after a visit to our farm:

"The Homestead Campine Farm is the country home of Mr. C. A. Phipps. The poultry runs cover the the entire rear of the yard and here Mr. Phipps breeds



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ONE of the gems of the Campine classes at the recent Boston show was first prize pullet. She was a specimen full of style and action, showing plenty of vigor and vitality. The fact is the egg shown lying before her in the picture was laid a few minutes before the picture was taken. Campines have always been heralded as egg producers, especially in Belgium, from whence they originally came, and with their improved style of plumage they are a breed to fill the wants of those wishing an all around beautiful and useful fowl. The above pullet is one of the choicest we have seen this past season, having excellent shape and beautiful clear, snappy barring. No doubt she will be a valuable individual also as a breeder in the pens at Homestead Campine Farm, Wayland, Mass.—*A. O. Schilling.*

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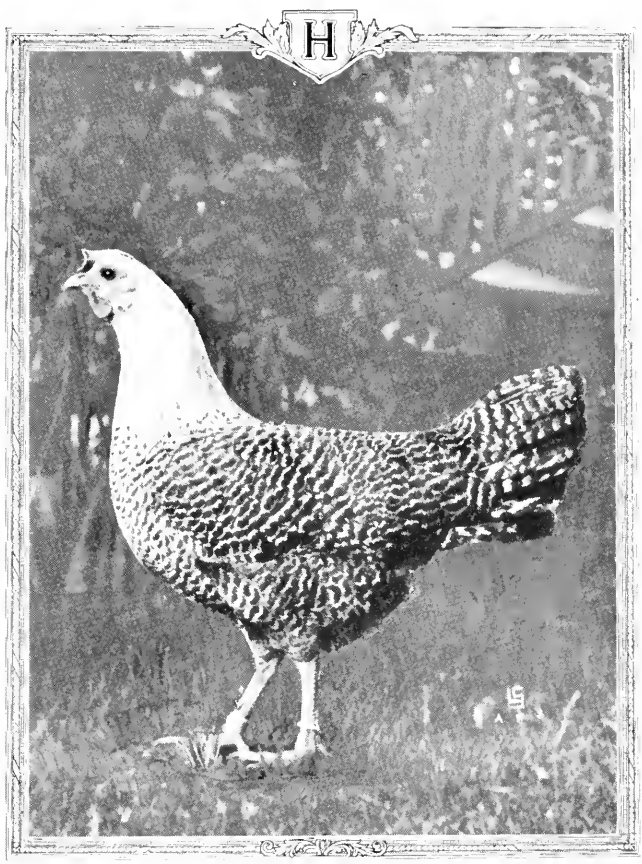
Silver Campines for their beauty and usefulness. It is a fine, thrifty flock that he has. We handled a number of the birds and marked their splendid condition and the way they had been developed. The breasts were plump and full-meated as the native birds of Belgium are, but as they are rarely seen in perfection in the yards of American breeders. Such thrifty, wholesome birds are a joy to the Campinist, and the cordial hospitality of Mr. Phipps, added to the sights in the aviaries, made us doubly glad that we had availed ourselves of the opportunity to visit this farm. Among the birds were the first and second cockerels at Boston last year, and then there were some young birds that showed improvements over their sires. This line is distinctly a leader in New England and one of the best in the country."



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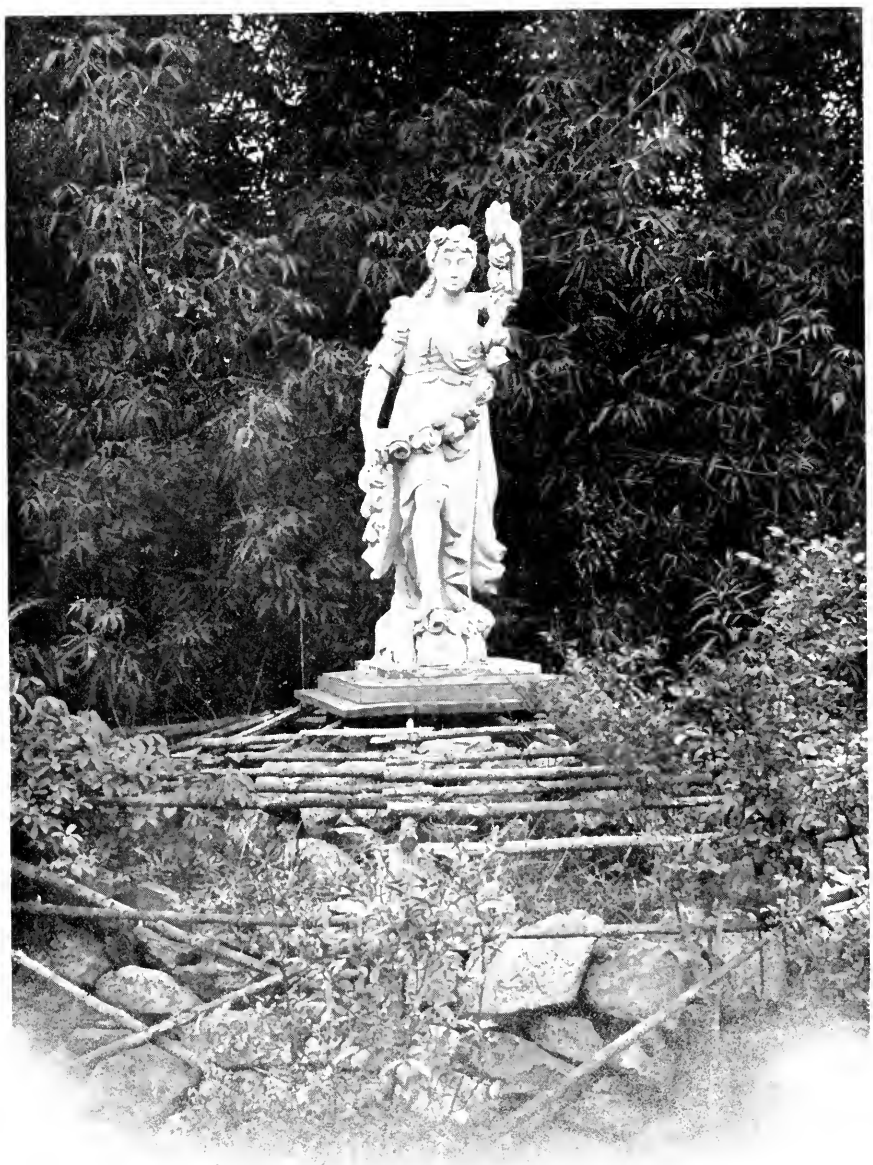
As there is no alteration on the photograph either in the shape or color the picture speaks for itself and shows the remarkable quality and breed characteristics of the bird.—L. A. S.



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